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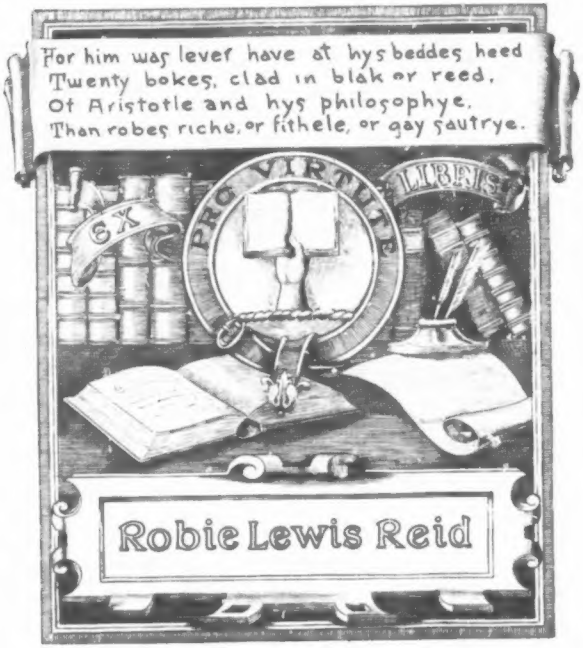

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From its Organization, January 9, 1854.

Presidents.

JOEL B. SUTHERLAND,	January 9, 1854,	to November 24, 1861.	Veteran of 1812.
PETER HAY,	July 4, 1862,	to November 15, 1879.	Veteran of 1812.
JOHN D. HESTER,	July 5, 1880,	to November 5, 1880.	Veteran of 1812.
THOMAS B. DARRACH,	January 8, 1881,	to November 26, 1884.	Veteran of 1812.
JOHN STALLMAN,	January 8, 1885,	to November 10, 1890.	Veteran of 1812.
JOHN CADWALADER,	January 8, 1891.	———	

Secretaries.

HIRAM AYRES,	1854 to 1860.	Veteran of 1812.
JOHN H. FRICK,	1860 to 1872.	
JOHN B. SPRINGER,	1872 to 1877.	
THOMAS B. DARRACH,	1877 to 1880.	Veteran of 1812.
*PETER STUART HAY,	1880 to 1894.	
CAPTAIN HENRY H. BELLAS. U. S. A.,	1894 to 1895.	
†JAMES VARNUM PETER TURNER,	1895 ———	

Treasurers.

JAMES BENNERS,	1857 to 1880.	Veteran of 1812.
ALEXANDER B. THOMPSON,	1880 to 1886.	
PETER STUART HAY,	1891 to 1893.	
HENRY MARTYN HOYT,	1893 to 1894.	
ADAM ARBUCKLE STULL,	1894 ———	

*Served as Assistant Secretary from February 22, 1876.
†Served as Assistant Secretary from February 19, 1894.

PHILADELPHIA, February 18, 1896.

The Annual Meeting of the Society of the War of 1812 was held in the Council Chambers, Independence Hall, this day at 3.15 o'clock, P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John Cadwalader. Thirty-one members were reported present.

The minutes of the meetings of February 18, 1895, and June 18, 1895, were read.

The President called attention to an omission in the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 1895, where they failed to show that Mr. Andrew Jackson Reilly declined the nomination for the office of Registrar.

On motion it was ordered that the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 1895, be corrected accordingly.

The Secretary read the report of the Board of Direction, as follows:

The Board of Direction has the honor to report that during the current year two (2) stated meetings and three (3) special meetings were held, at which fifty-one (51) applications for membership were approved, six (6) requests for transfers to Societies in other States granted and three (3) resignations accepted.

A Special Meeting of the Society was held in the Hall of the Carpenter's Company, on June 19, 1895, to receive the Delegates to the Meeting of the General Society, and escort them to Independence Hall, at which place they were formally received by the Mayor of this city, the Honorable Charles F. Warwick.

A banquet was tendered the General Society on the same evening at the Morelton Inn, Torresdale.

A reception was held by this Society at the United Service Club house on the evening of December 18, 1895, which was well attended by the members.

In compliance with a resolution adopted by this Society on February 18, 1895, your board has communicated with the Quartermaster General of the United States Army upon the proposed demolition of certain historic landmarks at Plattsburg Barracks, New York, and has been informed by that officer that the Government does not contemplate the removal of any historic works upon its reservation at that post.

In conclusion, your Board begs leave to recommend the following change in the Seal of this Society. In view of the fact that the Seal will only be used for corporate purposes, that the date of incorporation be placed thereon instead of the legend, "Founded 1854."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CADWALADER,
President.

The report of the Secretary was read, as follows:

The Secretary has the honor to report that upon assuming the duties of this office on February 18, 1895, the recorded membership amounted to two hundred and ninety four (294). During the present year the number of applicants admitted to membership amounted to fifty-one (51); resigned, three (3); deceased, eight (8), making the membership at this date three hundred and thirty-four (334).

I have to announce the decease of the following members:

Veterans.

March 25, 1895. DAVID MCCOY, 104 years.
March 25, 1895. IRA LEVY, 94 years.
October 2, 1895. JARED FERGUSON, 100 years.

Descendant Members.

May 10, 1895. BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES SUTHERLAND, U. S. Army. A Vice-President of the Society.
June 20, 1895. WILLIAM HENRY HOWARD HOUSTON.
July 20, 1895. LIEUT.-COLONEL ALEXANDER J. DALLAS, U. S. Army.
November 24, 1895. JAMES MIFFLIN.
January 9, 1896. CAPTAIN JOHN LUDLOW VIVEN, U. S. Army.

In compliance with a resolution adopted at the Annual Meeting of this Society in 1895, the proceedings of the meetings of February 18, 1895, and June 18, 1895, have been published. It was also deemed advisable to issue a year book, in convenient form, for mailing, such a book being almost indispensable owing to the numerous requests for information concerning this Society from persons desirous of becoming members.

The Society is to be congratulated upon its material prosperity during the year, and especially upon the active interest manifested by the members in its welfare and advancement.

Of the numerous Patriotic and Hereditary Societies existing at this time, this is probably the most widely dispersed in its personnel, its insignia being known from the Pacific Ocean to the Dardanelles—and from Alaska to the Cape of Good Hope.

For the first time in many years we hold our Annual Meeting in another room than that of the "Old Senate Chamber of the United States"—and through the courtesy of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution our Society returns to its birthplace, this sacred edifice, whence our progenitors drew the inspiration which crowned their efforts with victory in the "Second War for Independence."

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES V. P. TURNER,

Secretary.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

February 18, 1896. Balance on hand,		$605 00
Received Entrance Fees,		152 00
Dues,		482 25
Interest Account,		12 58
Sundry Items,		3 00
Total,		$1,254 83
Disbursements.		
Dues General Society,	$46 00	
Appropriations:		
Veteran's Widow,	25 00	
Entertainment Committee,	301 92	
Printing, Stationery, Postage,	301 08	
Sundries,	25 50	
		$699 50
Cash on hand,		555 33
Total.		$1,254 83
Special Endowment and Life Membership,		150 00
Outstanding Dues,		521 25

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM A. STULL,

Treasurer.

The Historian, Mr. Cyrus Kingsbury Remington, then read his report, as follows:

Of those deceased since our last meeting, the first to be noticed is Charles Sutherland, Brigadier General United States Army, and a Vice President of this Society. He was the son of the Honorable Joel Barlow Sutherland, the first President of this Society, elected January 9, 1854, and retired November 24, 1861.

The subject of this sketch was born in this city in 1830. His chosen profession was that of medicine. He received the appointment of Assistant Surgeon in August, 1852, and attained by his skill the promotions of Captain, Major, Lieut.-Colonel, and Colonel during the short term of twenty-four years. He served in New Mexico and Texas until 1861, when he left that State with the artillery and infantry for New York, where he reported to the Surgeon General for duty.

From that time until the close of the War he held important positions of trust, being sent on expeditions to Fort Pickens, Santa Rosa Island, &c. He was Medical Purveyor under General Halleck, participated in the bombardment of Fort Pickens, Wilson's Camp and at the siege and surrender of Vicksburg, July 4, 1863. Having served his country faithfully he was retired in 1894. The services of his father was in the "Junior Artillerists," as Lieut.-Colonel of a Rifle Regiment, 1812–1815.

Alexander James Dallas was born in the District of Columbia and was appointed a midshipman, U. S. Navy, in 1846. Served as aid to Commodore Matthew E. Perry, U. S. Navy, during the Mexican War, also in the Marine Corps and U. S. Coast Survey. His death occurred in Washington, D. C., the home of his youth, on the 20th of July, 1895.

John Ludlow Viven, was born in New York on March 5, 1833, he enlisted in September, 1861, and served until the close of the War, 1865, when he received a commission as Second Lieutenant, Twelfth U. S. Infantry; Captain in 1871; Brv't Captain, 1867; for faithful and meritorious services during the War.

He was stationed at various times at Fort Craig, New Mexico, and in Arizona Territory; was A. D. C. to General Carlton, Washington, D. C.; also in the expeditions against the hostile Indians, 1869–1881.

He held commands at Fort Yuma, California; Nez Perce and Bannock Campaigns, Foots' Apache, Thomas, Sully, and at Plattsburg Barracks.

Mr. Henry Howard Houston was a gentleman whom you all knew well. He was noted for his philanthropy, and, fortunately, had the means to carry out his views. He died June 20, 1895.

Mr. James Mifflin died November 24, 1895. A member of one of the oldest families in this State. He was patriotic and showed it in many ways, especially in carrying out the views of the Societies with which he was connected.

On motion of Doctor George H. Burgin, it was ordered that the obituary notices be spread upon the minutes.

A communication was received from the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania inviting the Society to be present at the ceremonies to be held in the Academy of Music in this City, commemorative of George Washington, on the twenty-second day of February.

Captain Bellas read a communication from the Miami Battlefield Association in reference to the purchase of that historic ground by the National Government. On motion referred to the Board of Direction with power to act.

Nomination of officers to serve for the ensuing year being in order, the Secretary read the list of nominations filed with the Board of Direction, in conformity with Section 7 of the Rules, viz:

President,

JOHN CADWALADER.

Vice-Presidents,

COLONEL JOHN BIDDLE PORTER,

APPLETON MORGAN, LL. D.,

BRIGADIER GENERAL ADOLPHUS W. GREELY, U. S. A.,

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FRANCIS MARK BROOKE,
RUSSELL DUANE,
PETER STUART HAY,
Paymaster REAH FRAZER, U. S. N.,
ANDREW J. REILLY,
HARRIS E. SPROAT,
CHARLES W. SPARHAWK.

Delegates to the General Society,

APPLETON MORGAN, LL. D.,
CHARLES WILLIAMS,
REYNOLD WEBB WILCOX, M. D., LL. D.,
JAMES WATTS MERCUR,
WILLIAM CHETWOOD SPENCER.

The President ruled that nominations were in order.

Mr. Mercur moved that the Secretary cast a ballot for all the officers nominated. Not agreed to.

Mr. Henry Douglas Hughes nominated Mr. Ben Halladay Dorcy as a member of the Executive Committee.

Nominations being closed the President appointed as tellers to conduct the election, Messrs. William Ellison Bullus and Edwin Adams Damon.

Mr. Sparhawk moved that the business of the meeting continue pending the counting of the ballot. Adopted.

Captain Bellas read a report and submitted five amendments to the Constitution of the General Society, referred by it to this Society as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

(To be ratified by the State Societies and approved finally at next meeting of the General Society, June 19, 1896.)

To amend Article II by striking out the words "number and," in the ninth line.

To amend Article IV by striking out the second paragraph, beginning with the words "such meetings" and ending with the words "borne by the State

Societies," and substituting therefor the following: "Such meetings shall consist of the officers of the General Society, each of whom shall be entitled to one vote and a representation not exceeding five (5) delegates from each State Society, (one of whom shall be the delegate to the Executive Committee of the General Society), which representation from each State Society shall be entitled to five (5) votes."

To amend Article VI by adding at the end of the second paragraph the words, "*Provided always*, That such representation shall be limited to the descendant of either a brother or sister of the participant in the war, in right of whose services application for membership is made."

To amend Article VIII by adding after the words "period of conflict" in the twelfth line, the following: "The reverse of said insignia to bear in the centre of the cross, a wreath of oak leaves in gold, one-half inch in diameter and in conformity with the design submitted to the General Society."

To amend Article IX by substituting for the first paragraph, the following: "The seal of the Society shall be two and one-half inches in diameter and shall consist of an eagle displayed in the centre of the seal, holding in his talons the American flag of the period (of fifteen stars), with rays of a rising sun above, and wreaths of oak and laurel (emblematic of the valor and victory of our soldiers and sailors), with trophies of cannon, musket, sword and anchor, below. The motto of the Society, 'For our Country's Rights,' to be placed above the sun's rays in small Roman capital letters, and the whole to be encircled with a ribbon one-fourth of an inch wide, bearing in plain Roman capital letters, the legend, 'General Society of the War of 1812. Founded 1814.' The seal to be in conformity with the design submitted to the General Society."

All of which were severally agreed to, and on motion of Vice-President John Biddle Porter were adopted unanimously as a whole.

Dr. George H. Burgin moved that the date on the Seal of this Society be changed in conformity to the recommendation of the Board of Direction. Agreed to.

The President made a statement in regard to the death of a former President of this Society—Mr. Thomas B. Darrah, and also called attention to a description of the frame of the Charter of this Society prepared by Mr. Andrew J. Reilly, and recommended that it be attached to the back of said frame.

Mr. Sparhawk moved that the minutes of this meeting be printed and sent to each member. Adopted.

The Tellers reported the result of the ballot as follows:

President—John Cadwalader, 26 votes.

Vice-Presidents—Colonel John Biddle Porter, 25 votes, Appleton Morgan, LL. D., 24 votes, Brigadier General Adolphus W. Greely, U. S. A., 25 votes, Captain William Bainbridge Hoff, U. S. A., 25 votes, Captain Henry Hobart Bellas, U. S. A., 24 votes.

Secretary—James Varnum Peter Turner, 24 votes.

Registrar—Edward Rutledge Shubrick, 24 votes.

Treasurer—Adam Arbuckle Stull, 25 votes.

Assistant Secretary—Henry Douglas Hughes, 23 votes.

Executive Committee—George Horace Burgin, M. D., 23 votes, Reynold Webb Wilcox, M. D., LL. D., 24 votes, David McKnight Hobart, 24 votes, Charles Williams, 25 votes, Beverley Randolph Keim, 24 votes, Francis Mark Brooke, 19 votes, Russell Duane, 21 votes, Peter S. Hay, 10 votes, Reah Frazer, U. S. Navy, 20 votes, Andrew J. Reilly, 3 votes, Harris E. Sproat, 4 votes, Charles W. Sparhawk, 4 votes, B. H. Dorcy, 11 votes.

Delegates to the General Society.—Appleton Morgan, 21 votes, Charles Williams, 21 votes, Reynold W. Wilcox, 21 votes, James W. Mercer, 21 votes, William C. Spencer, 21 votes.

The name of the Historian having been inadvertently omitted from the printed ticket, on motion of Doctor George H. Burgin, Mr. Cyrus Kingsbury Remington was unanimously re-elected Historian of this Society.

The President announced the election of the following named officers of this Society, together with the following named members of the Executive Committee:

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JOHN CADWALADER.

Vice Presidents,

COLONEL JOHN BIDDLE PORTER,

APPLETON MORGAN, LL. D.,

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CHARLES WILLIAMS,
REYNOLD WEBB WILCOX,
JAMES WATTS MERCUR,
WILLIAM CHETWOOD SPENCER.

On motion of Dr. George H. Burgin, it was ordered that a copy of the Minutes of this meeting, when published, be sent to the General Secretary and to the Secretaries of the various other State Societies.

Vice President Porter moved that there be some method of unification adopted if this Society attend the Commemorative Ceremonies to be held in the Academy of Music, on the 22d day of February.

On motion of Mr. Charles W. Sparhawk, the meeting adjourned at five o'clock and two minutes, P. M.

JAMES VARNUM PETER TURNER,
Secretary.

The Annual Meeting of the Society of the War of 1812 was held in Court of Common Pleas, Room 253, February 18, 1897. The meeting was called to order by the President at 4.25 P. M. Present, 19 members. The minutes of the meeting of February 18, 1896, were read and approved.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTION.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Board of Direction has the honor to submit its report for the year ending February 18, 1897.

Meetings of the Board have been held as required by the Constitution, in addition to which three special meetings were called making four in all for the year.

In response to an invitation from the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, a large number of the resident members of the Society attended the ceremonies conducted in the Academy of Music, commemorative of George Washington, on the 22nd of February, 1896.

The Select and Common Councils of this City having placed the public ceremonies to be conducted on the Fourth of July in the State House Yard, in charge of this Society, a meeting of the Society was held on that day. Invitations were sent to the officials of the State and Municipal Governments; members of the Patriotic and Hereditary Societies, as well as to the officers of the Army and Navy resident in this vicinity. The opening address was delivered by George Horace Burgin, M. D., Chairman of the Executive Committee, and an oration by Mr. Henry Douglas Hughes, Assistant Secretary. The Declaration of Independence was read by the Honorable Robert Adams, M. C.

The United German Singing Societies of this city numbering several hundred voices, assisted by a large number of children from the Public Schools rendered classical and patriotic airs, accompanied by instrumental music under the leadership of Victor M. Herbert. The ceremonies of an imposing and interesting nature were opened with an invocation and closed with a benediction pronounced by the Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden, Chaplain of the Society.

Three receptions were held during the year, at the United Service Club House in this city: Commemorative of the Declaration of War with Great Britain in 1812; the Declaration of Peace, 1815, and the anniversary of the receipt in this city of the news of peace, 1815, respectively. These receptions have served a useful purpose in bringing the members together in agreeable intercourse, and have been largely attended by the members and their guests, including the officers of the General Society.

Nominations for officers to serve this Society for the ensuing year, filed with the Secretary prior to the first day of January, 1897, are respectfully submitted.

The number of applications for membership approved during the year amounted to	30
Applications granted for transfers to Societies in other States, .	13
The number of members deceased, including two (2) veterans of the War of 1812, ...	5
Making the total membership at this date, ...	372
Divided as follows:	
Veteran members, ...	30
Descendant members, ...	342

Of the descendant members ninety (90) reside in this city; thirty (30) are residents of the State: making the total membership resident in Pennsylvania one hundred and twenty (120). Sixty-five (65) reside in New York City and State.

During the year the Society has learned of the decease of several members:

DAVID BLAIR, a Veteran, died May 27, 1893, aged 96 years.

HENRY MORRIS, a Veteran, died May 8, 1896, aged 96 years.

HENRY G. G. RUPP, Philadelphia, died October 16, 1896.

EDWIN ADAMS DAMON, Philadelphia, died November 16, 1896.

ELIAS HULFISH CHAMBERS, Waretown, N. J., died November 23, 1896.

The Society was represented at the funeral of each of the resident members.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signed] JOHN CADWALADER,
President.

JAMES VARNUM PETER TURNER, *Secretary.*

Accepted and filed and placed upon the minutes.

Report of the Treasurer of the Society of the War of 1812 for the year ending February 18, 1897.

1896.			
Feb. 18.	Balance on hand,		$555 33
	Receipts, entrance fees,		132 00
	Dues, 1893,	$12 00	
	1894,	12 00	
	1895,	38 00	
	1896,	218 00	
	1897,	354 00	
			634 00
	Interest on bank account,		19 27
			$1,340 60
Expenses:			
	Entertainments,	$155 75	
	Annual register,	198 60	
	Postage and stationery,	114 45	
	Per capita tax, General Society,	65 75	
			534 55
	Balance,		$806 05
Deduct entrance fees transferred to Permanent Fund,			$400 00
Balance on hand,			406 05
			$806 05
Balance to credit Permanent Fund,			$550 00
Outstanding dues:			
	1892,	$8 00	
	1893,	38 00	
	1894,	50 00	
	1895,	56 00	
	1896,	88 75	
	1897,	220 00	
	Total,		$460 75

Respectfully submitted,

[Signed] ADAM ARBUCKLE STULL,

Treasurer.

Accepted and filed and placed upon the minutes.

At the request of the Treasurer it was moved and seconded that the accounts for the past two years be audited. Major Reilly and Mr. Russell Duane were appointed auditors.

To the President and Officers of the Society of the War of 1812, Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—As Historian I make the following report of the deaths, of members of the Society, the past year:

DAVID BLAIR, a veteran aged about 99 years, of Charity P. O., Ohio. He served in the militia of that State, and was the youngest of four brothers who took up arms in 1812. A few only survive of those gallant souls, although our records still show a goodly number living; perhaps no record of their decease has reached the Society.

HENRY G. G. RUPP, a member elected in 1894; died October 16, 1896. We learn that he was an earnest worker in all pertaining to the interests of the Society, and his loss will be greatly felt. A descendant of a gallant soldier and patriot.

EDWIN ADAMS DAMON, who died November 16, 1896, was another one who delighted in the work of, and all that tended to the advancement of the Society's interest.

ELIAS HULFISH CHAMBERS, died November 11, 1896. Was comparatively a new member of the Society, but had he lived would no doubt have become an influential one.

Very respectfully,

CYRUS K. REMINGTON,

Historian.

February 15, 1897.

Accepted and filed and placed upon the minutes.

The following communication was read from Eleazar Smith, a veteran member.

DANBURY, February 16, 1897.

"SIR:—Your letter at hand. Pleased to hear from the Society of the War of 1812. Wish I could meet with you. I hoped should meet you all once here; fear I shall not. I am now in my 99th year, and do not undertake any long journeys from home.

ELEAZAR SMITH."

145 HORTON AVENUE, PORT CHESTER.
February 10, 1897.

"MR. TURNER:—Take the liberty to write you a few lines to-day. I hope you will excuse my seeming neglect in not sending you one of Mr. Morris's obituaries, but have not been very well.

MRS. MARGARET A. MORRIS."

"Brigadier General Henry Morris, a veteran of the War of 1812, and the second oldest resident of Port Chester, died at half-past three o'clock, on Friday morning, May 8, 1896, at his home, 145 Horton Avenue, Port Chester. "Uncle Harry Morris," as he was familiarly called, was born in the old Fourth Ward of New York City, on March 29, 1801, and consequently was in his ninety-sixth year at the time of his death. Fired with patriotism, when a mere boy of twelve, he enlisted in Captain Breath's company of the New York Militia, and served in that command as drummer boy through the War of 1812, until peace with England was declared."

Election of officers being in order the following ticket of those nominated prior to January 1, 1897, was presented:

President,
JOHN CADWALADER.
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JOHN BIDDLE PORTER,
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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Captain Bellas offered the following resolution in regard to the services of two young members of this Society recently deceased:

"*Resolved*, That the Society of the War of 1812, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having, since its last meeting, lost two of its youngest and most active members, Mr. Henry G. G. Rupp and Mr. Edwin Adams Damon, both residents of Philadelphia, Pa., hereby takes occasion in its Annual Meeting on the eighteenth day of February, A. D. 1897, to express its sorrow, as well as full appreciation of not only the loss the Society has sustained in the premature deaths of these members—most upright and promising in their lives—but also of the interest and zest which they had ever manifested in the welfare and prosperity of the Sociery, its aims and purposes, and in the hope which they had given by their past efforts, in being of future value in carrying on the work of the Society.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to enter these resolutions on the minutes, and transmit a copy thereof to the respective families of these deceased members." Unanimously adopted.

It was moved and seconded that if it was found that the bill is still in Congress for the increase of the pensions of the remaining patriots, that this Society present a memorial to Congress to urge its action in its present session, and that a form of the memorial be presented to a committee. Unanimously adopted.

It was moved and seconded that the resolutions adopted at the former Annual Meeting be added to the present ones.

It was suggested by the President that the Society should erect a tablet or memorial to the memory of some distinguished person connected with the history of our country, in one of our old churches or buildings of interest.

Joel B. Sutherland's name was mentioned as being the originator of this Society, hence his memory should be kept in some way, and some tablet erected to his memory.

It was moved and seconded that the subject of erecting a memorial tablet to some distinguished representative of the War of 1812 be referred to the incoming Board of Direction, with a request to that body to take definite action, and report

thereon on or before their Annual Meeting, the nineteenth day of June next. Adopted.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to send to every member of this Society, and to the Secretary of the General Societies, and to the Secretary of the State Societies, a list of the officers elected. Unanimously carried.

Colonel Porter moved that the Board of Direction of the Society be requested to carry out more forcibly the powers given them under Section 7, of the Rules, page 30.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary inform the incoming Board that they shall take definite action under their powers provided in the Seventh Rule of the organization, as far as the expulsion of members for non-payment of dues is concerned. Unanimously adopted.

The Society adjourned at 5.20 P. M.

JAMES VARNUM PETER TURNER,
Secretary.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the minutes of the meetings of this Society of February 18, 1896, and February 18, 1897.

JAMES V. P. TURNER,
Secretary.

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